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Dear Mom & Dad,

I am enclosing a souvenir for you - my picture in the laboratory paper! Things are going well at work. I enjoy my job and the days pass quickly. Today my secret clearance came through so now I can have access to nearly any document. My job will probably involve quite a bit of classified information.

We are watching the Eruby Brothers on T.V. With the cable there is reception on 12 channels so there is a lot of choice. The stereo is all hooked up and our livingroom looks very nice. Vickie took a couple of pictures and I will send you one soon.

It was very warm and muggy today and still is tonight. Actually it never cools off much and we need our big fan directed on us all night. The wind came up a while ago, and we expected a thunderstorm but nothing has developed yet.

I sure wish you could see the sights around here. Last Sunday we drove five miles to the Chancellorsville battle site and drove along the very roads used by Stonewall Jackson and Robert E. Lee. The area looks just like it did over 100 years ago with thick forests and a few farms. It is so hard to believe that over 100,000 soldiers fought there in a single battle. Fredericksburg

was held by the Confederates and the Federals tried time and again to capture it. The entire area was the scene of many battles and one can still see the trenches, stone walls, and roads built during that period.

Well, it seems like I just get home and then go to bed, but the weekend will be here soon. We hope everything is going well for you. Say hello to Gail and I will write again soon.

Jim